MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*) May I know from the member when this matter was taken up for consideration by Government and the reason why they have not been able to come to a conclusion even after considering it for one and half years?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : Since the passing of the resolution in Dhanu 1108, it is still under consideration.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*) : May I know the reason why they have not been able to come to a conclusion even after considering it for one and half years?

PRESIDENT : I do not think you can probe the question further.

Qualifications for the post of Sub-Registrar.

252. ***MR. K. MAHOMED** (*Alwaye*) Will the Government be pleased to state ;

(*a*) the qualifications laid down for the post of a Sub-Registrar ;

(*b*) how many under-graduate and graduate Muslims there are in the permanent service of the Registration Department satisfying these qualifications

(*c*) whether Muslims and other backward classes in education are given any preference for promotion to the posts of Sub-Registrars;

(*d*) if the answer to part (*c*) is in the affirmative, how many Muslims and non-Muslims have been given such preference and appointed as Sub-Registrars, either as acting or as permanent?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*) :

(*a*) Graduates having the requisite departmental examination qualification and non-graduates, who hold E. S. L. C. pass certificate, provided they have passed the Departmental Test, or are otherwise efficient and have put in a service of not less than 15 years.

(*b*) Two.

(*c*) No ; not as a rule.

(*d*) In view of answer to (*c*), this does not arise.

MR. K. MAHOMED (*Alwaye*) : May I know whether there is any rule as to the number of years of service that a graduate has to put in to be appointed as a Sub-Registrar?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : There is no such rule.

MR. K. MAHOMED (*Alwaye*) : If there is no such rule, then what is the difficulty in appointing a Muslim Graduate for the post?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : There may be other graduates with longer service.

MR. K. MAHOMED (*Alwaye*) When was the other graduate appointed first?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : The other graduate was appointed on 23-11-1105 and got a permanent footing on 2-1-1108.

MR. K. MAHOMED (*Alwaye*) : Was he not continuously acting till then?

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RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): I claim notice.

MR. K. MAHOMED (*Alwaye*): May I know then when his claims will be considered?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): When the chance comes.

Sub-Registrars of the State.

253. ***MR. K. MAHOMED** (*Alwaye*): Will the Government be pleased to lay on the table a caste-war statement of Sub-Registrars of the State?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): The statement is laid on the table.

Abolition of Schools.

254. ***MR. P. K. NARAYANA PILLAI** (*Ambalapuzha I*): Will the Government be pleased to state

(*a*) whether the Director of Public Instruction has issued orders for closing any schools, aided or departmental, after the formation of the Education Advisory Board;

(*b*) if so, whether the Board was consulted before such orders were issued if not, why not;

(*c*) whether complaints have been received by the Government or the Director from centres adversely affected by such orders; and

(*d*) whether other adequate facilities exist or have been provided to meet local educational needs in cases where the schools are ordered to be closed?

MR. R. M. STATHAM (*Director of Public Instruction*): (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) No. It is not the intention of the Department to consult the Board except on large questions of policy.

(*c*) Yes.

(*d*) Yes.

MR. P. K. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Ambalapuzha I*): May I know where the scope of the work of the Education Advisory Board is defined?

MR. R. M. STATHAM (*Director of Public Instruction*): I do not think that I can refer the member to any specific references where the work has been defined.

MR. P. K. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Ambalapuzha I*): May I know how the Director thought that it was not within the scope of the Education Advisory Board to be consulted in this matter?

MR. R. M. STATHAM (*Director of Public Instruction*): The reason why no reference to the Education Advisory Board was made is this. Under the existing rules, before the Education Advisory Board was set up, the Director is given the power to see, before he recognises a school, whether the school is necessary in that locality. That is, if a school becomes unnecessary or inefficient, he is bound to withdraw recognition from the school. It is a matter of ordinary routine enjoined on the Director under the existing rules.

* *Vide* Appendix VI.

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